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The following equivalents were found: US Patents 6,562,986 and 6,670,491 (both not listed) are continuations of US Patent 6,323,351 (listed); US Patent 6,309,998 (not listed) is a divisional of US Patent 6,031,116 (listed); US Patent 5,808,136 (not listed) is an equivalent of EP 0723810 (listed); US Patents 5,932,750 and 6,034,028 (both not listed) are equivalents of WO 97/34692 (listed); and US Patent 5,859,265(not listed) is an equivalent of WO 96/02323 (listed).

The Examiner is requested to review each reference and formulate his or her own understanding thereof.

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